

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

5 A personal computer protection device for disconnecting a computer system from a
communications channel during power down periods. The personal computer protection
device includes a power sensor for sensing power drawn by the computer system, an input
port for connecting to a communications channel, an output for connecting the input port to a
communications channel input of the computer system and a relay connected between the
input port and output port. The relay selectively disconnects the input port and output port
10 when the sensor senses the power drawn is below a threshold value thereby indicating the
computer system is in a powered down or sleep state.